

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

All Earth is Waiting

Paradise Singers

Savior of the Nations, Come

No. 214

Blessed Be the God of Israel

No. 209

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* (screen)

* **BENEDICTION and CHALLENGE**

* **POSTLUDE**

Today's Servants

USHERS: Clint Miller, Janice Street, Fran & Dick Wardell

ACOLYTE: Madysin Hewitt

READERS/ACTORS: William Batz, Christian Curry, Jan Elsea, Chris Lamont, Bill Quigg

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Jack & Kay Jones

AUDIO: Kim Summers

VIDEO: Jim Poley

Worship Celebration
December 6, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.



Our Mission:
*Alive with the Spirit,
we bring God's love into action
by igniting faith, transforming lives,
and creating community.*



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God's Love in Action™

MEDITATION

When God wants an important thing done in this world or a wrong righted, God goes about it in a very singular way. God doesn't release thunderbolts or stir up earthquakes. God simply has a tiny baby born, perhaps of a very humble home, perhaps of a very humble mother. — Edmond McDonald

CHORAL INTROIT

Tommy Strawser, Dr. Ashley Snavley

* CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rev. Dr. David Summers

Leader: Hear the invitation of old, speaking to our Advent hopes and anticipation: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame...
Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. (Psalm 25)

**People: As Isaiah reminds us, in returning and rest you shall be saved.
In quiet and trust shall be your strength.**

Leader: We light these candles inviting Christ, the hope of the ages,
to come to us.

**All: Light of our world, help us to be faithful as we wait for you,
as we watch for you and live in the hope that
only you can give.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal No. 196

* OPENING PRAYER (in unison) Rev. Eve Williams

Holy God, in you alone we place our trust.

You are the God of our salvation,

abounding in mercy and steadfast love.

**As you come near to us, may we also be a sign to the world of
your kingdom of love, forgiveness, justice and peace.**

In the name of Christ, your gift of love we pray. Amen.

* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

* HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* vs. 1 & 3 No. 206

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Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices
and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful Savior, we confess we are dazzled by shiny lights
and beautiful trees, yet we fail to be your light to a hurting world.**

**We run from one event to the next, yet fail to stop and
be a good Samaritan to those who need food and shelter.**

**We sing Christmas carols at every opportunity yet fail to share
the good news of your love to those who are suffering.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Restore to us a joy in the sacred, in the simple,
and in being in your presence.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)

ANTHEM

Et In Terra Pax
Paradise Singers

Greg Gilpin

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-14 (pg. 60 N.T., Pew Bible)

Reader: God's Word for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Summers

Waiting

Part 2: *Waiting on the World to Change*

CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERING MOMENT

Don Wall

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Mark Hayes
Bonnie Greey, soloist; Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER